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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 23, 2000

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA PILOT ASSOCIATION

CASE NO. PUA000053

To revise rates of pilotage and other charges

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND HEARING

On behalf of himself and other licensed pilots, all members of the Virginia Pilot Association ("Association"), J. William Cofer applied on June 20, 2000, to revise rates of pilotage and other charges. Accompanying the application were supporting testimony and exhibits. The Association proposes to revise its rates and charges to increase annual revenues by approximately 19.46 percent. Also attached to the application as Appendix C was a proposed schedule of rates and charges.

Upon consideration of the application, the Commission finds that, as provided by § 54.1-918 of the Code of Virginia, this matter should be docketed and that a hearing should be held. We further find that the Commission Staff should investigate the application and file testimony and exhibits it intends to offer at the hearing. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) Pursuant to § 54.1-918 of the Code of Virginia, this application be docketed, be assigned Case No. PUA000053, and that all associated papers be filed therein;
- (2) A public hearing be held on this application beginning at 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2000, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia;
- (3) On or before August 1, 2000, any person who expects to submit evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and participate in this proceeding as a protestant, as defined in Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules"), 5 VAC 5-10-180, shall file an original and eight (8) copies of a notice of protest, as required by Rule 5:16(a) of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-420 A, with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, and simultaneously serve a copy on counsel to the Association, C. William Waechter, Jr., Esquire, Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins, P.C., P.O. Box 1320, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1320. Any corporate entity or governmental unit that wishes to protest must be represented by legal counsel as required by Rule 4:8 of the Rules, 5 VAC 5-10-200.
- (4) Within five (5) days of receipt, the Association shall serve upon each person who files a notice of protest a copy of

this order, its application, and its direct testimony and exhibits;

- (5) On or before August 15, 2000, each protestant shall file with the Clerk an original and eight (8) copies of its protest, as required by Rule 5:16 (b), 5 VAC 5-10-420 B, and an original and eight (8) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends to offer in support of its protest and shall serve one (1) copy on all parties;
- (6) The Commission Staff shall investigate this application and make recommendations on the fairness of the proposed rates for pilotage and charges;
- (7) On or before August 22, 2000, the Staff shall file with the Clerk an original and eight (8) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends to offer at the hearing and shall serve one (1) copy on all parties;
- (8) On or before September 5, 2000, the Association may file with the Clerk an original and eight (8) copies of any rebuttal testimony and exhibits it intends to offer at the hearing and shall serve one (1) copy on all parties;
- (9) The Association shall promptly make available for public inspection during regular business hours copies of this order, its application, and all other materials now or hereafter filed in this case at the location specified in the public notice ordered in (10) below;

(10) The Association shall publish the following notice as display advertising (not classified) once a week for two consecutive weeks in newspapers of general circulation in the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News, publication to be completed by July 16, 2000:

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION BY VIRGINIA PILOT ASSOCIATION TO INCREASE RATES FOR PILOTAGE AND CHARGES

The Virginia Pilot Association has filed with the State Corporation Commission on application to increase rates for pilotage and charges.

The application and schedule of proposed rates and charges may be inspected during regular business hours in the Commission's Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and at the Virginia Pilot Association Office, 33329 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A public hearing on this application will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on September 12, 2000, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

On or before August 1, 2000, any person who expects to submit evidence, crossexamine witnesses, or otherwise participate in this proceeding as a protestant, pursuant to Rule 4:6 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-10-180, shall file an original and eight (8) copies of a notice of protest with the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, and simultaneously send a copy to Virginia Pilot Association's counsel,

C. William Waechter, Jr., Esquire, Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins, P.C., P.O. Box 1320, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1320.

On or before August 15, 2000, each protestant shall file an original and eight (8) copies of its protest and an original and eight (8) copies of the testimony and exhibits it intends to offer at the hearing and shall serve one (1) copy of each on all parties.

Persons desiring to intervene or to make statements at the hearing need only appear at the hearing location at 9:45 a.m., September 12, 2000, and identify themselves to the Commission's Bailiff. Any comments on the application should be addressed to the Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118, and should be filed on or before August 15, 2000. All correspondence should refer to Case No. PUA000053.

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(11) That, on or before August 15, 2000, the Association shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of newspaper publication required by this order.